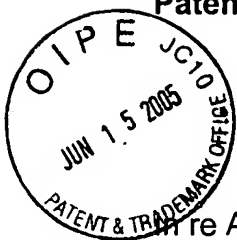


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR, § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- ☐ Together with the present application.
- ☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. **[37 CFR § 1.97(b)]**
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Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

☒ No separate requirements are needed.

☒ No additional fee is required.

☐ **Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c)**

The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

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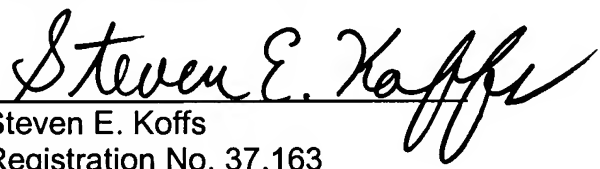
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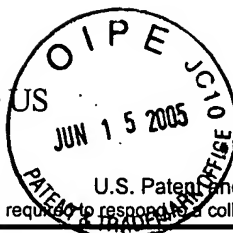
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